VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DIVISION

MEMORANDUM

GENERAL SUBJECT:	NUMBER: TE-197
Traffic Signs	DATE:
SPECIFIC SUBJECT:	September 3, 1987
Signing for Unattended Vehicles	SUPERSEDES:
DIRECTED TO:	SIGNATURE:
District Engineers	A. L. Thomas, Jr.

The Virginia Department of State Police advise they receive numerous complaints from the public when vehicles left unattended on limited access highways have been towed. The majority of these complaints are a result of the public being unaware that their vehicles may be towed and at their expense. These complaints require investigation by the State Police and result in considerable paperwork and time consumption.

At the request of the State Police, signs indicating that unattended vehicles are subject to towing at the owner's expense were installed at a number of locations in Northern Virginia, and the complaints declined significantly.

Therefore, since signing has shown to be effective in reducing complaints, the attached modified design of the R8-7 sign, designated VR-28, may be used in lieu of the standard RB-7 sign where deemed necessary. Unless circumstances deem otherwise, the smaller size of this sign should be used.

DCF:dws Attachment

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LAYOUT OF SIGN

Route No.:

Project No.:

City/County:

Text No.

Sign No.

Figure No.

Width <u>9</u> Ft. <u>6</u> In.

Height 8 Ft. 0 In.

Sq. Ft. <u>-76</u>

Border W'idth 1/2 In.

Margin Width 1. In.

Corner Radii

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Letter Type $\frac{L-3}{}$

Color Combination

<u>C- 1</u>

ATTACH COMPUTER PRINT-OUT

EMERGENCY

STOPPING

ONLY

UNATTENDED VEHICLES
SUBJECT TO TOWING
AT OWNERS EXPENSE

12" c

12" c

12" c

8" B

8" B

8 " B

Designed By

Checked By

LAYOUT OF SIGN

Route No.:

project No.:

City/County:

Text No.

Sign No..

Figure NO.

Width 5 Ft. 0 In.

Height 4- Ft. 0 In.

Sq. Ft. 20

Border Width .3/4 In.

Margin Width 1/2 In.

Comer Radii 3

In

Letter Type

L- I

Color Combination

<u>C- I</u>

ATTACH COMPUTER PRINT-OUT

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EMERGENCY STOPPING ONLY

UNATTENDED VEHICLES
SUBJECT TO TOWING
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6" c

6 "C

6 "C

,4 " B

4" B

4 "B

Designed By

Checked By